

United States Embassy Buenos Aires, Argentina

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Silent March February 18

February 17, 2015

The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens living and traveling in Argentina of a silent march in Buenos Aires from Congress to the Plaza de Mayo, planned for Wednesday, February 18 from approximately 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (1700-2100), to mark the one month anniversary of the death of Alberto Nisman. You should expect disruptions in public transportation and traffic. While this event will take place in the capital city, marches may occur in other cities throughout the country.

If you are planning to travel to an airport during the planned march time, you should seek suitable routes to get there that avoid the march areas as much as possible. We encourage travelers to frequently check all scheduled flights at Aeropuertos Argentinos' general information number, 5480-6111, which will direct inquiries to the correct airport office with a recorded message in English and Spanish.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Argentina enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. Embassy or nearest U.S. Consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for Argentina. For additional information, refer to the Traveler's Checklist on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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